

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.(original) A fastener having a recess constructed to have a partial interference fit with an associated driver for removably engaging said driver and said fastener, said fastener having a shank with a longitudinal axis, said shank constructed having the recess formed at its end, the recess having a central portion and a plurality of wings radiating outwardly from the central portion, each of the wings having an installation wall and a removal wall, the wings being configured so that at least one of the installation or removal walls defines a segment of a spiral, said recess further comprising:

- a transition surface connecting said installation and removal walls of adjacent wings, said transition surface extending from a top portion of said recess to a bottom portion of said recess;

- an interference surface constructed as a portion of said transition surface, said surface having a first radial distance from the longitudinal axis at a top portion thereof to a second radial distance from said longitudinal axis at a bottom portion thereof; and

wherein said first radial distance is larger than said second radial distance.

2. (original) The fastener, according to claim 1, wherein said interference surface forms an angle with a line parallel to said longitudinal axis in a range of between .5 degrees to 2 degrees.

3. (original) The fastener, according to claim 1, wherein said recess is formed having transition surfaces diametrically opposed across said recess and said interference surfaces on said opposing transition surfaces cooperate to form an interference fit with a driver constructed to engage said recess.

4. (original) The fastener, according to claim 3, wherein said interference surfaces are constructed to provide an interference fit only at a forward portion of said driver and to allow said driver to have a surface to surface contact with said wings at a rearward portion of said driver.

5. (original) The fastener, according to claim 1, wherein said first radial distance is constructed substantially according to a standard recess opening of a spiral type recess.

6-10. (canceled)